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HOUSE CALENDAR

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE:

The House will meet on Thursday, April 9, at 10:00 a.m. in Representatives Hall.

In addition to items on the Consent and Regular Calendars, the House will consider Senate messages regarding House bills amended by the Senate, as well as veto messages included in this calendar.

Any House member with official business at the State House on a non-session day may use the legislative parking garage on Storrs Street. Members who need parking accommodations closer to the building due to mobility or health considerations may contact the Speaker's Office at 603-271-3661. Please continue to use your assigned areas on session days.

Please remember that when filing amendments, you should not add a cosponsor without that member's prior approval. Floor amendments must be submitted to the Clerk by 4:30 p.m. on the day prior to session.

Lobbying or advocacy materials are not permitted on anteroom tables. Food and beverages, other than water, are not allowed in Representatives Hall. Please leave all other items in the anteroom and help keep our historic chamber clean.

House members with questions regarding statutory or study commissions, or committee appointments, may email houseappointments@gc.nh.gov or contact the Speaker's Office at 603-271-3661.

As always, please make every effort to be civil, kind, and professional with your colleagues, staff, and constituents. Our Principles of Conduct (Paragraph IV) require that we "treat each other, legislative employees, and the public with dignity and respect." As elected officials, we must hold ourselves to high standards, even during the most contentious times.

Sherman A. Packard, Speaker of the House

NOTICE

There will be a Republican Caucus on **Thursday, April 9th at 9:00 a.m.** in Representatives Hall.

Rep. Jason Osborne, Majority Leader

NOTICE

There will be a Democratic Caucus on **Thursday, April 9th at 9:00 a.m.** in the State House Cafeteria.

Rep. Alexis Simpson, Democratic Leader

NOTICE

ALL reports, scheduling and notices are due in the House Clerk's Office by **3:00 p.m. on WEDNESDAYS**. Reports and scheduling shall be turned in to House Committee Services for processing **no later than 1:00 p.m.** on Wednesday. Please be sure to complete that work in a timely fashion to meet the Calendar deadline.

CLOSES AT 3:00 p.m. ON:

Wednesday, April 8, 2026

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

Wednesday, April 22, 2026

AVAILABLE ON:

Friday, April 10, 2026

Friday, April 17, 2026

Friday, April 24, 2026

Paul C. Smith, Clerk of the House

2026 HOUSE DEADLINES

Second Year Session Deadlines

Thursday, April 16, 2026	Last day to report Senate Bills going to a second committee
Thursday, April 23, 2026	Last day to act on Senate Bills going to a second committee
Thursday, May 7, 2026	Last day to report all Senate Bills
Thursday, May 14, 2026	Last day to act on all Senate Bills
Thursday, May 21, 2026	Last day to form committee of conference
Thursday, May 28, 2026	Last day to sign committee of conference reports (4:00 p.m.)
Thursday, June 4, 2026	Last day to act on committee of conference reports
Tuesday, September 1, 2026	First day for incumbents running for re-election to file LSRs with complete information
Friday, September 11, 2026	Last day prior to the General Election for incumbents running for re-election to file LSRs with complete information
Friday, October 23, 2026	Last day to file 2026 Interim Study reports
Wednesday, November 4, 2026	First day for all Representatives to file LSRs with complete information
Wednesday, November 18, 2026	Last day to file LSRs with complete information (4:00 p.m.)
Tuesday, January 5, 2027	Ten-day signoff begins
Friday, January 15, 2027	Last day to sign-off on all LSRs (4:00 p.m.)
	Last day to introduce House Bills
	Last day to amend House Rules by majority vote

GOVERNOR'S VETO MESSAGE REGARDING HOUSE BILL 451-FN

NO sales tax. Not now, not ever.

For the reason stated above, I have vetoed House Bill 451-FN.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly A. Ayotte, Governor
Date: March 16, 2026

GOVERNOR'S VETO MESSAGE REGARDING HOUSE BILL 349-FN

Access to quality and affordable healthcare is necessary and essential to our quality of life here in New Hampshire. Just as important is ensuring that Granite Staters receive care delivered by medical professionals trained to perform the full range of procedures that may be required for serious surgeries.

Authorizing non-physician providers to perform eye surgeries has the potential to create unnecessary risks for patients, particularly if additional surgical intervention is necessary. This is no criticism of our eye care professionals, as optometrists are essential care providers for eye exams, lenses, and non-surgical care. The reality is that ophthalmologists, who complete a minimum three-year residency after medical school, receive far greater supervised clinical and surgical training than optometrists. Laser eye surgeries are not minor procedures. Complications or failure of such procedures can lead to permanent vision loss. Even if most of these procedures go as planned, complications can require the full spectrum of surgical skills and training that only ophthalmologists as physicians possess.

There have been successful efforts, such as expansion of care in Berlin, to increase access to care in rural parts of our state. We can and should strive to expand access and availability without reducing the safety threshold of the care provided to patients.

HB349 would increase the level of risk to patients by permitting eye surgeries by non-physician practitioners. In order to preserve a high level of safety, eye surgeries should be performed by physicians. As such, I am vetoing this bill.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly A. Ayotte, Governor
Date: March 27, 2026

BILLS LAID ON TABLE

CACR 22, relating to the compensation of the legislature. Providing that the present compensation per elected term for legislators is hereby abolished. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 414-FN, prohibiting the division of motor vehicles from suspending a license on the basis of debt owed to a private entity related to the towing or storing of a motor vehicle. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 652-FN, abolishing the family division, creating the office of family mediation, and reassigning the jurisdiction of the family division. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 748-FN, establishing a local education freedom account program. Pending question: majority committee amendment.

HB 1002-FN, repealing the solar energy systems tax exemption. Pending question: Ought to Pass

HB 1046, enabling a person to carry a firearm on a snowmobile being operated on private property. Pending question: majority committee amendment.

HB 1067-FN, relative to the mental health courts. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 1063-FN, reducing the amount of meals and rooms taxes operators can retain. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 1098-FN, relative to municipalities denying building or occupancy permits for property adjacent to class VI roads under certain circumstances. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 1105-FN, making the term of office for certain Belknap county elected officials 4 years. Pending question: Ought to Pass

HB 1114, relative to the documentation and preservation of public comment reports by standing legislative committees. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 1176-FN, relative to the display of license plates on vehicles. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 1264, increasing the requirements of the education freedom savings account oversight committee and modifying the purpose of the committee. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 1317, relative to patient privacy protections. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 1322-FN, reestablishing the judicial conduct commission. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 1367, establishing a criminal offense of doxing. Pending question: Ought to Pass.

HB1387, repealing limiting liability for certain design features of firearms. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 1393, relative to the definition of public servant and the offense of official oppression. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 1396, relative to vacancies in state offices. Pending question: majority committee amendment.

HB 1402, relative to credentials for the position of superintendent of schools. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 1403, relative to credentials for the position of school business administrator. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 1409-FN, modifying the deposit of revenues collected from video lottery terminals. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 1418, setting a minimum affirmative vote for new or expanded spending for SB 2 towns. Pending question: majority committee amendment.

HB 1436-FN, relative to the classification and protection of personal digital information and cloud-stored files. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 1446, providing that an individual's use of therapeutic cannabis shall not disqualify the individual from the purchase, ownership, or possession of a firearm. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 1451, relative to protecting workers from extreme temperature-related injuries and fatalities in the workplace. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 1454-FN, relative to the possession of firearms following a court order requiring surrender of firearms and ammunition. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 1484, establishing a state minimum wage and providing for incremental increases. Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 1500, establishing a commission to study and propose procedures in the event of a state government shutdown. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 1572-FN, relative to licensure as a master licensed alcohol and drug counselor. Pending question: committee amendment.

HB 1578, adds definitions and reporting requirements relative to education freedom accounts. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate

HB 1607-FN, relative to the use and storage of road salt. Pending question: majority committee amendment.

HB 1612 -FN, relative to the use of price-fixing websites, algorithms, or other software by landlords. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 1616-FN, prohibiting state agencies and political subdivisions from advertising or expending funds to advertise vaccines in the state of New Hampshire. Pending question: committee amendment.

HB 1640, relative to consent for school billing purposes. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 1641-FN, relative to petitions for certain orders of protection where the subject of the order is either released on bail or on probation. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 1653, relative to emergency medical care provided at freestanding hospital emergency facilities. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 1655-FN, establishing a funding source for maintaining state owned dams. Pending question: No pending question.

HB 1675, establishing a commission to investigate the New Hampshire Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence and requiring funding only be provided for the direct services materially benefitting survivors of sexual and domestic assault. Pending question: committee amendment.

HB 1701 -FN, reestablishing the New Hampshire college graduate retention incentive partnership program and making an appropriation therefor. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 1720-FN, relative to notice to child day care providers of child care scholarships. Pending question: No pending question.

HB 1721-FN, relative to limiting new system enrollment and adjusting compliance payments under the renewable portfolio standard program. Pending question: majority committee amendment.

HB 1741-FN, relative to the enrollment and use of distributed energy resource aggregations by electric utilities. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 1752-FN, requiring the creation of a ticket to follow timber through the harvesting and production process to establish a chain of custody. Pending question: majority committee amendment.

HB 1777-FN, relative to the enhanced 911 system fund. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 1786-FN, relative to creating a state assessment on non-homestead luxury second homes to fund state-wide housing development programs and address housing shortages and making appropriations therefor. No pending question.

HB 1798-FN, relative to the coverage of diapers under the state Medicaid plan. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 1814-FN, establishing a 10-year strategic housing and infrastructure plan. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 1820-FN, requiring the department of education to administer the education freedom account program. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 1822-FN, relative to reporting of civil immigration detentions by state, county, and local law enforcement and correctional facilities. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 1831-FN, repealing the education trust fund targeted aid cap. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 1834-FN, relative to the education freedom account enrollment cap. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HCR 11, declaring the directives of the judicial branch in the Claremont cases that the legislative and executive branches define an “adequate education,” adopt “standards of accountability,” and “guarantee adequate funding” of a public education are not binding on the legislative and executive branches. Pending question: Refer for Interim Study.

HCR 13, requesting Congress to call a constitutional convention relative to implementing term limits for elected members of both houses of Congress. Pending question: Ought to Pass

HR 38, authorizing and directing the house judiciary committee to investigate whether cause exists for the impeachment of any justice of the New Hampshire supreme court. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

2026 HOUSE BILLS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

HB 59-FN, relative to the assault of a firefighter, emergency medical care provider, or law enforcement officer. (SJ 1/9/2026)

HB 109-FN, relative to false reports to law enforcement. (SJ 1/7/2026)

HB 126, relative to prescriptions for certain controlled drugs. (SJ 1/7/2026)

HB 191-FN, (Second New Title) providing criminal penalties for the transporting of an unemancipated minor in order to obtain a surgical procedure or a termination of the minor’s pregnancy without parental permission. (SJ 1/7/2026)

HB 221, (New Title) enabling electric utilities to own, operate, and offer advanced nuclear resources, and relative to purchased power agreements for electric distribution utilities and limitations on community customer generators. (SJ 1/7/2026)

HB 222, (New Title) repealing the requirement for a memorandum of understanding between a chartered public school and school district regarding how students with disabilities will receive special education services and updating the organizational structure of the department of corrections. (SJ 1/7/2026)

HB 244, updating and recodifying the municipal enforcement of the building and fire code. (SJ 3/12/2026)

HB 266, (New Title) relative to structural changes to the department of energy and creating a limited exemption from parental consent required for certain recordings under the parental bill of rights and relative to the effect of murder on a decedent’s estate. (House Concurs 2/19/2026)

HB 281, requiring electronic voter checklists to be supplied in a sortable format. (SJ 3/12/2026)

HB 292, (New Title) establishing a revolving loan fund for school districts. (SJ 1/7/2026)

HB 317, preventing a supervisor of the checklist from verifying a person’s identity without identification, even if they personally know that person. (SJ 3/12/2026)

HB 340-FN, relative to electioneering by public employees. (SJ 1/7/2026)

HB 481, (New Title) relative to the state primary date. (SJ 1/7/2026)

HB 510-FN, (New Title) establishing a commission to study due process in higher education disciplinary proceedings. (SJ 3/5/2026)

HB 610-FN, (New Title) relative to the residential ratepayers advisory board. (SJ 3/12/2026)

HB 639-FN, relative to the use of and disputes over blockchain and digital currencies. (SJ 3/12/2026)

HB 649-FN, (Second New Title) relative to the maintenance obligations of motor vehicle operators. (SJ 2/5/2026)

HB 751-FN, (Second New Title) establishing a committee to study licensure of outpatient substance use disorder treatment facilities, authorizing parents to enroll their children in any public school in the state, and creating a limited exemption from parental consent required for certain recordings under the parental bill of rights. (House Req CofC, 2/19/2026)

HB 1159, relative to updating the state building code. (SJ 3/12/2026)

HB 1168, relative to employer documentation requirements. (SJ 3/5/2026)

HB 1190-FN, (New Title) enabling the division of motor vehicles to create a temporary traditional driver's license for youth operators about to turn 21 and relative to fleet vehicle registration requirements. (SJ 3/5/2026)

HB 1310, relative to state licensed or certified real estate appraisers. (SJ 3/12/2026)

THURSDAY, APRIL 9 CONSENT CALENDAR

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW

SB 412, relative to the conditional release of delinquent minors and children in need of services. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Kimberly Rice for Children and Family Law. The committee supports this bill, as it is about bringing clarity, and consistency to a system that too often leaves families navigating uncertainty. By strengthening oversight and ensuring clear standards, this bill helps protect those who rely on these processes the most, especially children and vulnerable individuals. **Vote 14-0.**

SB 413, relative to the detention of a minor attaining the age of 18 during the pendency of a delinquency action. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Lori Korzen for Children and Family Law. This bill addresses a narrow but important gap in our juvenile justice statutes, by clarifying where a youth may be held while their delinquency case is still pending, aligning state law with a recent New Hampshire Supreme Court decision and current practice and ensuring clear authority for courts and agencies to manage these cases safely. For these reasons the committee unanimously recommends Ought to Pass. **Vote 14-0.**

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

SB 410, relative to possession of human remains for law enforcement training purposes. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY.**

Rep. Terry Roy for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. The committee after public hearing agreed law enforcement requires a lawful mechanism to acquire donated human remains for the purpose of training cadaver dogs. We passed an identical House version and therefore this one is unnecessary. We agreed to send it to interim study in case it needs to be revisited next year if the House bill does not become law. **Vote 13-0.**

SB 411, relative to the procedure concerning search warrant inventories. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Terry Roy for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. This bill, identical to the House version that passed on the consent calendar, makes small changes to the administration of search warrant returns regarding who can witness the inventory. We agreed that it updates the process to reflect modern requirements for electronic evidence. **Vote 13-0.**

SB 521-FN, relative to unauthorized camping on private property. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Alissandra Murray for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. While this bill seeks to expand prohibitions on unauthorized camping, it does not meaningfully address the root causes or realities of homelessness in New Hampshire. This bill primarily focuses on enforcement and penalties, extending restrictions on camping to private property in certain municipalities, but offers no corresponding investments in housing access, shelter capacity, or supportive services. Committee members expressed concern that the bill would further criminalize individuals experiencing homelessness without providing viable alternatives for safe shelter or stability. In practice, this approach risks displacing people from one location to another, increasing interactions with law enforcement, and exacerbating existing challenges rather than resolving them. The committee recognizes the importance of public health, safety, and property rights; however, we believe effective responses to homeless-

ness must center on long-term solutions such as affordable housing, mental health support, and community-based services. Because this bill does not advance these goals and instead relies on punitive measures, the committee determined it was not an appropriate or effective policy response. **Vote 12-0.**

SB 620-FN, relative to refusal of consent to testing to determine alcohol concentration and penalties for aggravated driving while intoxicated. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Terry Roy for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. This bill, as amended, increases the administrative license suspension (ALS) for a first-time refusal of a chemical test from the current 180 days to 9 months. It further addresses the disparity between administrative penalties and criminal sentences to ensure the state's "implied consent" contract remains enforceable. The committee amendment represents a necessary incremental improvement toward correcting a systemic failure. Currently, New Hampshire's 180-day refusal penalty is among the lowest in the nation, contributing to a 75% test refusal rate in 2026. This high refusal rate is not a matter of civil liberties, but of rational economic choice: under current law, a driver is statistically incentivized to refuse a test to withhold evidence, as the penalty for refusal is often lighter or shorter than the penalty for a conviction based on evidence. The committee recommends the 9-month suspension as a vital first step to signal that the state will no longer tolerate the strategic obstruction of the legal process. By moving to 9 months, we align the refusal penalty with the standard mandatory minimum for a DWI conviction, removing the "discount" currently given to those who breach their licensing contract. While 9 months improves the status quo, the committee recognizes that a 12-month suspension, as originally passed by the Senate, is the true threshold for a functional system. To a libertarian or constitutionalist perspective, a contract is only as strong as the consequence for its breach. For the "implied consent" contract to be meaningful, the penalty for breaching it (refusal) must be stricter than the penalty for honoring it and being found guilty. If the suspension for refusal, 9 months, is identical to the suspension for conviction, the "rational actor" will still refuse every time, as there is no downside to withholding evidence and a significant upside, potential acquittal. The committee supports this 9-month compromise to move the ball forward and immediately address our state's outlier status in refusal rates. However, the majority of committee members maintain that a 12-month standard remains the most logically consistent duration to ensure that refusal is never a "winning" legal strategy. This bill is an essential step in restoring the integrity of our roads and the accountability of the licensing agreement. **Vote 12-0.**

SB 649-FN, increasing fines for using a hand-held mobile electronic device while driving a motor vehicle. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Terry Roy for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. This bill increases the financial penalties and establishes license suspension protocols for the use of hand-held mobile electronic devices while operating a motor vehicle. The committee found that existing penalties have become insufficient to change driver behavior, as distracted driving remains a primary cause of preventable accidents in New Hampshire. In 2024, there was a staggering 233% increase in young driver fatalities. The Office of Highway Safety identifies distracted driving as one of the "top three" factors in these preventable adolescent deaths. Traffic deaths in New Hampshire increased by 42% between 2014 and 2024. State safety officials attribute this rise largely to the combination of increased speed and distracted driving. This bill focuses on accountability for repeat offenders. By implementing a tiered system that culminates in a license suspension, the state sends a clear message: the privilege of using public ways is contingent upon the safe operation of the vehicle and respect for the physical safety of other motorists. **Vote 11-1.**

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

SB 401-FN, relative to removing an obsolete annual reporting requirement by municipal overseers of public welfare to the department of health and human services and repealing the department of health and human services reporting requirement on 10-year demographic cost projections. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Paul Dargie for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill removes the obsolete reporting requirement for municipal public welfare officials and the Department of Health and Human Services. Additionally, it eliminates the corresponding 10-year demographic current services cost projections. This bill was a request of the Department of Health and Human Services. **Vote 12-0.**

SB 402-FN, eliminating certain non-compete agreements for physician associates. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. James Thibault for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill eliminates non-compete agreements for physician associates going forward, with no impact on existing non-compete agreements. Non-compete agreements can make it more difficult to recruit professionals from other regions because it eliminates the opportunity to find a better fitting position, if needed, in the area where the physician associate moved in order to provide service to the community. **Vote 12-0.**

SB 426, repealing the permissible fireworks advisory committee. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Fred Davis for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill disbands the Permissible Fireworks Review Committee at the request of the members of the committee. The committee was formed in 1999 when

the state was approving fireworks devices individually. In 2011, the state adopted federal standards for firework devices sold in New Hampshire. The State Fire Marshal has the necessary tools needed to continue any relevant work without the committee. **Vote 12-0.**

SB 427-FN, relative to the joint committee on employee classification. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. John Sytek for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill is a routine request which appears every legislative session. The role of the JCEC is to examine and evaluate the reclassification of executive departments unclassified positions as requested by the respective departments. These position changes typically result from an expansion of scope of responsibility, perhaps even the elimination or consolidation of positions or the result of reorganization--the latter generally being the result of other legislation. To ensure as much objectivity as possible, an outside consulting company is used to assist in the determination using comparable industry standards. Accordingly, the JCEC has effected the changes enumerated in this bill and this bill now asks that they be codified into law. The chair of JCEC rotates and this year's chair is a Senator, hence why this is a Senate bill. **Vote 13-0.**

SB 428, relative to the maximum amount of terms an individual can serve on the electricians' board. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Erica Layon for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill permits members of the electricians board to serve one additional term for a total of 3 5-year terms and one additional hold-over year if the vacant position is not filled in the year after a member terms out. Currently the 5 member board has a vacancy due to a recent resignation and there are no current applicants for this board seat. Permitting electricians to serve an additional term helps address challenges in recruiting new members while also allowing for greater carryover of institutional knowledge. **Vote 13-0.**

SB 451, amending the title of the position of senior deputy secretary of state. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Jaci Grote for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill clarifies the hierarchy in the Secretary of State's Office. Currently, in the Secretary of State's Office, there is a full time Deputy Secretary of State and a part time Senior Deputy of Secretary of State. The Senior Deputy is assigned special projects and to bring clarity in the title, the Senior Deputy will now be called the Special Deputy. As amended, "them" was changed to "him or her" to indicate that there is only one individual in the office with that title. **Vote 12-0.**

SB 469, (New Title) allowing the director of the division of motor vehicles to adopt administrative rules regarding the use of electronic signatures and relative to signature requirements where ownership of a vehicle is transferred to an insurer after payment of damages. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. John Sellers for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill would modernize signature requirements for some motor vehicle transactions by permitting electronic signatures where currently only traditional signatures are permitted. Electronic signatures at the point of sale and in insurance transitions can save time and money while leaving an audit trail. The Division of Motor Vehicles has stated that they will apply the Department of Justice electronic signature guidelines to ensure integrity when drafting rules. The committee believes that we should join with the majority of states which permit electronic signatures for these transactions. **Vote 12-0.**

SB 489, (New Title) altering the appointment process for the board of tax and land appeals. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Patrick Long for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill, as amended in the Senate, addresses a previous oversight in HB 2 that failed to specify the appointing authority for the members of the Board of Tax and Land Appeals, stating only that they serve at the pleasure of the governor and council. This housekeeping bill reestablishes the governor and the executive council as the official appointing authorities for the board. **Vote 12-0.**

SB 526, establishing a New Hampshire-Greece trade council. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Erica Layon for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill would establish a New Hampshire-Greece trade council funded solely by direct solicitation or other fundraising events, alone, or with other groups, and accept gifts, grants, and bequests from individuals, corporations, foundations, government agencies, and public and private organizations and institutions. The purpose of the council shall be to advance bilateral trade and investment between New Hampshire and Greece, initiate joint action on policy issues of mutual interest to New Hampshire and Greece, and promote business and academic exchanges between New Hampshire and Greece. Recognizing that the state has the highest per capita concentration of Greek Americans in the country, the committee recommends this bill ought to pass. **Vote 14-1.**

SB 527, relative to written notice provided by state agencies to municipalities regarding pending applications. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Jeremy Slottje for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill updates RSA 541-A:39 to modernize notice requirements from state agencies to municipalities. It replaces the outdated requirement of "first class mail" with broader "written notice" to the town or city clerk. This change provides agencies with

flexibility to use email, electronic portals, or other written methods while maintaining the requirement to give affected municipalities reasonable opportunity to comment on permits, licenses, or actions impacting land use, development, transportation, business operations, or municipal services. **Vote 14-0.**

SB 568, (New Title) relative to the department of safety's procedures for the processing of employee candidate background checks. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Glenn Bailey for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill permits the commissioner of the Department of Safety to designate an employee within the department to receive criminal conviction information from the federal bureau of investigations, consistent with FBI best practices. This is for internal processing of background checks for candidates for employment or promotion in the department of safety. The committee notes that the term "employee" as used in this bill designates a human working for the department and does not include artificial intelligence. **Vote 13-0.**

SB 571, relative to the requirements to be issued a certificate as a certified public accountant. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Erica Layon for Executive Departments and Administration. The committee recommends this bill as inexpedient to legislate, as HB 1259, which addresses the same topics has been adopted by both bodies with language which better satisfies the request of stakeholders and the interests of the sponsors in furthering this policy, making this bill unnecessary. **Vote 14-0.**

SB 641-FN, relative to examination requirements for licensure as a chiropractor. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Jaci Grote for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill removes duplication in testing to attain licensure to practice as a chiropractor in New Hampshire. The NH Chiropractic Association and the State Board of Chiropractic Practitioners testified that the testing in the national and state level are more than adequate to confirm an applicant's ability to serve the public seeking service from a NH licensed chiropractor. Therefore the duplicative testing, part IV of the national test is not necessary. **Vote 13-0.**

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

SB 497, (New Title) removing a reference to procurement through the department of administrative services for certain capital appropriations to the community college system of New Hampshire and changing a reference regarding spaces assigned for use for members of the legislature. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Bill Boyd for Public Works and Highways. The committee on Public Works and Highways unanimously approved this bill, which removes a reference to procurement through the Department of Administrative Services for certain capital appropriations to the community college system of New Hampshire, and changes a reference regarding spaces assigned for use for members of the legislature by assigning permanent use of the fourth floor of the state house annex. These technical changes fix the language, and add clarity to the original language in our capital budget. **Vote 12-0.**

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT

SB 443, relative to wastewater engineering. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Pierre Dupont for Resources, Recreation and Development. This bill improves clarity by removing archaic and unnecessary statutory language and provides clearer statutory authority for the Wastewater Bureau's Industrial Pretreatment Program. This bill was requested by the Department of Environmental Services. **Vote 15-0.**

SB 503, relative to the use of spruce-pine-fir lumber. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Arnold Davis for Resources, Recreation and Development. This bill is about fairness and helps the New Hampshire forest products economy to level the playing field for New Hampshire sawmills, loggers, and timber owners. This bill clarifies that New Hampshire grown spruce, pine and fir lumber graded as SPFS may be used wherever SPF is specified under the state building code; and recognizes that SPFS and SPF are the same species, grown in substantially identical climates, differing only by international grading designations. This bill also maintains all existing safety standards, and it helps housing affordability by expanding allowable materials and increasing supply. It reduces cost pressure and gives builders more flexibility. **Vote 15-0.**

SB 522, re-establishing the commission to study the economic impact of the arts and culture in New Hampshire. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Nicholas Bridle for Resources, Recreation and Development. This bill re-establishes a commission to study the statewide economic impact of New Hampshire's arts and culture sector. The previous commission data is now over 10 years old, and having current data is essential for informed decision-making in future House budget sessions. The diversity of the board seats provides a wide aperture as to the impact of arts within the state and thus should provide an accurate depiction of the need for this sector. The bill includes a repeal date, ensuring the commission will self-terminate without need for further legislation upon completion of its work. **Vote 15-0.**

SB 592, (New Title) enabling regional, conservation, and energy resource planning for habitat strongholds and wildlife corridors and creating a commission to study transferring ownership of the Winnepesaukee River Basin program to an alternative authority. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Will Darby for Resources, Recreation and Development. This bill takes two distinct actions. First, it directs conservation commissions and regional planning commissions to recognize and inventory wildlife corridors and habitat strongholds, with the understanding that this information is not intended for zoning or planning, which are outside the purview of these commissions. Second, it forms a short-term commission to investigate the transfer of the ownership of the Winnepesaukee River Basin Program (WRBP) from the state to an alternate authority, as well as providing an unclassified state position to help with this analysis and potential transition. The funding for the unclassified position is completely paid by the municipalities served by the WRBP, with no cost to the state. These municipalities and the Department of Environmental Services requested these provisions of the bill as maintenance costs for the aging wastewater treatment facilities are increasing, and the affected communities are interested in having a larger stake in its future direction. The committee amendment repeals the commission following the delivery of its report on November 1, 2026. **Vote 15-0.**

SB 594-FN, eliminating the use of agitators in instances where temporary docks have been removed from bodies of water. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Will Darby for Resources, Recreation and Development. Dock deicers agitate or heat water during the winter to prevent ice accumulation around dock piers, which can damage docks as ice shifts. While these may be necessary for permanent docks, when left in place following the removal of a seasonal dock, they can cause dangerously thin ice conditions, damage a lake's ecology by disturbing sediment, and promote the growth of invasive species and cyanobacteria when sunlight penetrates would be iced-over water. The committee also heard testimony of a young person falling through the ice when a dock de-ice was installed without a permanent dock, and another situation where a dock de-ice may have contributed to a drowning. This bill prohibits the use of dock deicers, referred to as agitators, except when necessary to protect permitted permanent structures, and increases the visibility requirements of warning signs when dock deicers are installed. **Vote 15-0.**

SB 598, establishing the cyanobacteria mitigation loan and grant fund task force. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Tanya Donnelly for Resources, Recreation and Development. This bill proposes a short-term summer initiative to explore alternative funding strategies for the Cyanobacteria Mitigation Loan and Grant Fund. The unanimous support came from hearing from Amy Smagula from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES), who voiced strong support for the task force, emphasizing its role in coordinating the funds and the 11 projects that have shown success in the past. There are over 400 hits for blooms across NH Lakes, and this project requires significant funds to combat blooms. Also, NH LAKES supported the bill, noting that the mitigation fund is nearly depleted and highlighted the need for scalable funding solutions. Lastly, the NH Marine Trades Association praised the bill for its innovative approach to tackling cyanobacteria mitigation challenges. The bill proposes the creation of a short-term advisory committee to address the rapidly depleting mitigation fund. This task force is designed to operate efficiently over a single summer session, producing actionable results. It provides a structured framework to coordinate scientific expertise and state resources to develop a long-term sustainable funding plan for the fund established under RSA 485-A:58. Additionally, the task force prioritizes finding alternative funding sources beyond traditional taxes on lakefront property owners and boaters to explore other programs to help fund upgrades to drainage, causing impacts. Donations from other state programs to help fund 60 to 70 lakes today with bloom hits and the growing priority our NH Lakes. **Vote 15-0.**

WAYS AND MEANS

SB 542, (New Title) limiting the game dates available to charities at gaming facilities. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY.**

Rep. Scott Bryer for Ways and Means. This bill limits game dates available to charities at gaming facilities and would allow the number of charities working with a gaming facility to be increased. This bill would reduce the number of days from 10 to 7, with the 7 days not needing to be consecutive. The idea behind this would be to allow more charities to participate over the course of the year. However, there have been some gaming operators in the southern tier of the state already limiting days for charities which would automatically allow for more charities to participate. In the north country, there is a concern that there may not be enough charities participating and limiting days from 10 to 7 could result in possible blackout dates for the gaming operators. Given the issues discussed in the public hearing testimony, concerns voiced during the work session, and that there is a Racing and Charitable Gaming Study Commission examining these issues, the committee recommends that this bill be sent to Interim Study. **Vote 19-0.**

SB 652-FN, changing the maximum award of tax credits for overpayment of due taxes. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Mary Murphy for Ways and Means. This bill seeks to slow down the scheduled "phase-down" of tax credit carryforwards for overpaid taxes. Currently, when a business overpays its taxes, it can keep a large amount

of that money as a “credit” that can be applied in subsequent years rather than getting a refund. Existing law was set to slash that limit significantly which could be a shock to the state General Fund; this bill wants to keep those limits higher for longer. Under current law, the maximum credit a business can carry forward is gradually decreasing. This bill proposes a more “business-friendly” (slower) reduction schedule. The bill affects taxable periods ending 12/31/2029 through 12/31/2041 and would gradually decrease the credit limit as a percentage of tax liability from 450% to 150% versus the current 250% to 100% by 2031. The reductions would continue every two years until reaching 150% in 2041. The proposed new credit schedule offers more flexibility for businesses. If a company has a massive overpayment, they can keep it as a “banked” credit to offset future tax bills rather than being forced to take a refund. This is often preferred by large corporations for long-term tax planning. This bill also benefits the state. According to the Department of Revenue Administration (DRA), this change would actually increase net revenue in the short-to-medium term. Because the state is issuing fewer refunds (since more money is staying as credits), it estimates a positive impact of about \$54.1 million on the General and Education Trust Funds between fiscal years 2030 and 2044. While it keeps more money in the state’s hands initially by avoiding refunds, it creates a long-term “liability” because businesses will eventually use those credits to pay \$0 in taxes in future years. **Vote 19-0.**

THURSDAY, APRIL 9 REGULAR CALENDAR

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW

SB 608-FN, relative to family caregiver support in certain programs and child care support for kinship caregivers. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Kimberly Rice for Children and Family Law. The committee supports the bill as amended to ensure that changes to New Hampshire's child care scholarship program are only implemented after receiving federal approval and when sufficient funding is in place. The amendment clarifies that the Department of Health and Human Services is not required to implement the program until it is fully funded, preventing unfunded mandates and protecting the state budget. It also requires regular reporting to the legislature on funding and implementation status, ensuring transparency, accountability, and that the program is rolled out responsibly and sustainably. **Vote 15-0.**

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

SB 642-FN, repealing the committee for the protection of human subjects institutional review board. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Susan DeRoy for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill is at the request of the Department of Health and Human Services. The institutional review board (IRB) repealed by this bill was previously required to fulfill federal requirements for multiple IRB's for research conducted in department-funded programs that serve people with mental illness, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse or dependence disorders. In current law, this IRB is not activated when a single IRB can meet federal requirements which leaves a seven or more person board with nothing to do. **Vote 12-1.**

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

SB 629, renaming the new roundabout on Route 302 at the East Conway Road intersection to "Oliveira Circle." **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Steven Bogert for Public Works and Highways. David and Catherine Oliveira's lives were cut short on September 3, 2018 due to a motorcycle accident at the intersection of Route 302 and East Conway Road, leaving behind their three adult children and family members. Since this horrific accident, a roundabout has replaced the intersection. With the concurrence of the Town of Conway, the family requested the roundabout should be honored with the name of "Oliveira Circle" and agreed to pay the cost of manufacturing, installing, and maintenance of NH Department of Transportation (DOT) approved signage. **Vote 13-0.**

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT

SB 596-FN, prohibiting smoking in Hampton Beach State Park. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Tanya Donnelly for the **Majority** of Resources, Recreation and Development. Primarily due to concerns over its practical application and financial consequences, a bipartisan majority of the committee opposes this bill, arguing that passing a state law explicitly forbidding use in the Hampton State Park is unenforceable, encroaches on parking areas, and the campground. Furthermore, the majority cited the projected \$50,000 annual loss to the State Park Fund as a significant risk to the loss of visitors to the community. It was also stated that the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources already has the regulatory authority to address smoking through internal rulemaking, making a new state statute unnecessary. Ultimately, the bill trying to ban people from smoking in Hampton State Parks lacks enforcement, putting lifeguards in precarious situations, would impose restrictions in parking and camping areas, not just the sand, and the proposed smoking ban would have a negative fiscal impact. **Vote 11-4.** Rep. Allison Knab for the **Minority** of Resources, Recreation and Development. Hampton Beach State Park draws thousands of visitors each day over the summer months, many of whom are families. Sitting just three feet from a smoker outdoors exposes you to the same level of secondhand smoke as sitting indoors with one. This creates real health consequences for children at the beach, and the minority believes families should have one state beach where they know they will not be impacted by second-hand smoke. Additionally, Hampton Beach is carry in carry out, but cigarette butts are a major source of litter on the beach. As the bill does not create any new fines, it is more focused on educating visitors about not smoking on the beach, rather than penalizing them.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 159, GP

- 10:00 a.m. Executive session on **SB 467-FN**, relative to the penalty for certain fentanyl-related offenses and establishing a mandatory minimum sentence for the crime of distribution of a controlled drug with death resulting; **SB 409-FN**, relative to the penalties for the offense of disobeying an officer; **SB 460-FN**, relative to the offense of loitering or prowling.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

MONDAY, APRIL 6

COMMISSION TO STUDY STABLE TOKENS, TOKENIZED REAL-WORLD ASSETS, AND BLOCK-CHAIN-BASED TRUSTS FRAMEWORKS (RSA 383:26), NH Banking Department Conference Room, Suite 200, 53 Regional Drive, Concord

- 10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

JOINT LEGISLATIVE HISTORICAL COMMITTEE (RSA 17-I:1), Room 100, SH

- 1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Room 229, GP

- 9:00 a.m. **SB 449-FN**, relative to relative to the participation of large customer-generators in net metering and relative to energy storage in connection with net metering.
9:30 a.m. **SB 538-FN**, extending net metering eligibility terms for municipal energy projects.
10:00 a.m. **SB 560**, modernizing the New Hampshire coordinate system.
1:00 p.m. **SB 540-FN**, relative to portable solar generation devices.
2:00 p.m. **SB 589-FN**, relative to port electrification, microgrid development, and cybersecurity standards for energy and water systems.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 159, GP

- 10:00 a.m. Full committee work session on **SB 511-FN**, relative to state park fee discounts for state residents; **SB 633-FN**, relative to donations received by the granite patron of the arts fund.
10:45 a.m. Executive session on **SB 511-FN**, relative to state park fee discounts for state residents; **SB 633-FN**, relative to donations received by the granite patron of the arts fund.

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW, Room 230, GP

- 10:00 a.m. **SB 456**, establishing the commission for children's futures.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, Room 159, GP

- 10:00 a.m. **SB 657-FN**, creating a study commission to oversee the use of artificial intelligence in the state.
10:30 a.m. **SB 639**, establishing a committee to study the health and safety impacts of Red Dye 40 and other food additives in food and beverages sold in New Hampshire.
11:00 a.m. **SB 648**, requiring age verification by commercial entities to allow access to pornographic material.
1:15 p.m. **SB 482-FN**, establishing consumer protections for digital access transaction kiosks.
1:45 p.m. **SB 496**, relative to supervision and registration requirements for associates of broker-dealers.
2:15 p.m. **SB 256-FN**, establishing safety and care requirements for clinician-administered drugs.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

EDUCATION FUNDING, Room 232, GP

- 1:00 p.m. **SB 586-FN**, requiring school districts to publish a school administrative unit audit report after the end of the fiscal year.
1:30 p.m. Full committee work session on **SB 491-FN**, enabling students to utilize education freedom account funds to pay for certain career and technical education funding; **SB 531-FN**, establishing a task force to study the feasibility of the creation of cosmetology related programming in Coos County; **SB 580-FN**, relative to establishing a school cooperative purchasing program.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

ELECTION LAW, Room 158, GP

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **SB 534-FN**, relative to foreign funding and influence in constitutional amendment and local ballot question campaigns.

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE, Room 153, GP

1:00 p.m. Full committee work session on **SB 475**, including a determination of the best interest of the animal in the definition of foster home; **SB 418**, prohibiting municipalities from requiring licenses for the production and sale of homestead food products; **SB 644-FN**, requiring background checks for solid waste and hazardous waste facility owners; **SB 624-FN**, restricting access to certain hemp-derived products; **SB 465-FN**, classifying xylazine as a schedule III controlled drug. Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

HOUSING, Room 231, GP

10:00 a.m. **SB 415**, relative to a certain exemption in interest in condominium units.
 10:30 a.m. **SB 490**, establishing a task force to assess the development of housing at Great Bay community college and authorizing the college the right to use vacant property for the purpose of developing housing.
 11:00 a.m. **SB 564**, prohibiting certain municipal development restrictions. Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 154, GP

10:00 a.m. **SB 439**, relative to municipal data center zoning.
 10:25 a.m. **SB 435**, relative to the zoning board of adjustment variance criteria.
 10:45 a.m. **SB 508**, relative to the zoning board of adjustments appeal period.
 11:00 a.m. **SB 643-FN**, requiring municipalities to hold a public hearing and conduct a roll call vote when seeking to override a tax or spending cap.
 11:20 a.m. **SB 653**, enabling counties to change the dates of their biennial budgets.
 11:35 a.m. **SB 495**, increasing the limit for transfers of appropriations in Carroll County.
 11:50 a.m. **SB 585-FN**, relative to audits for communications districts.
 12:10 p.m. **SB 440**, relative to the adoption of energy efficient and clean energy districts by municipalities. Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, Room 228, GP

10:00 a.m. **SB 541-FN-A**, relative to capital appropriations for regional drinking water infrastructure. Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Room 229, GP

10:00 a.m. **SB 590-FN**, relative to electric aggregation plans.
 10:30 a.m. **SB 591-FN**, relative to electric utility investment in distributed energy resources.
 1:00 p.m. **SB 599-FN**, relative to the renewable energy fund.
 1:15 p.m. **SB 447**, enabling electric utilities to own, operate, and offer advanced nuclear resources, and relative to purchased power agreements for electric distribution utilities and limitations on community customer generators. Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

STATE VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RSA 115-A:2), Edward Cross Training Complex, 722 Riverwood Drive, Pembroke

5:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8**COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, Room 229, GP**

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **SB 528-FN**, prohibiting receiving compensation for lobbying on behalf of a foreign adversary; **SB 573**, establishing certification standards for facility comfort dogs; **SB 606-FN**, relative to insurance coverage for biomarker testing; **SB 408-FN**, relative to health insurance coverage for prosthetics; **SB 548-FN**, relative to health carrier provider contract standards; **SB 610-FN**, requiring an opportunity for public comment prior to proposed long-term care rate increases under certain circumstances; **SB 657-FN**, creating a study commission to oversee the use of artificial intelligence in the state; **SB 639**, establishing a committee to study the health and safety impacts of Red Dye 40 and other food additives in food and

beverages sold in New Hampshire; **SB 648**, requiring age verification by commercial entities to allow access to pornographic material; **SB 482-FN**, establishing consumer protections for digital access transaction kiosks; **SB 496**, relative to supervision and registration requirements for associates of broker-dealers; **SB 256-FN**, establishing safety and care requirements for clinician-administered drugs.

- 1:15 p.m. **SB 444-FN**, prohibiting the use of animal testing when other comparable methods are available.
- 1:45 p.m. **SB 487**, allowing credit union members to pay members of the board of directors for their services as a board member.
- 2:00 p.m. **SB 525**, raising the maximum amount of state guarantees in force.
- 2:30 p.m. **SB 607**, relative to short-term, limited duration health insurance policies

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 159, GP

- 10:00 a.m. **CACR 11**, relating to sheriffs. Providing that there shall be no age limitation for a person to hold the office of county sheriff.
- 10:30 a.m. **SB 512-FN**, relative to fees to annul criminal records related to charges that do not result in conviction.
- 11:00 a.m. **SB 557-FN**, making synthetic and semisynthetic kratom illegal to prepare, distribute, manufacture, sell, possess, or advertise, with exceptions made for scientific research.
- 11:30 a.m. **SB 625-FN**, establishing a committee to study options for family members of intentional homicide victims where the department of justice does not file charges in a case.
- 12:00 p.m. **SB 667-FN**, relative to the assault of emergency room personnel.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

EDUCATION POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 232, GP

- 10:00 a.m. **SB 433-FN**, establishing the seizure safe schools act.
- 10:20 a.m. **SB 430**, relative to mandatory disclosure by school district employees to parents and legal guardians.
- 11:00 a.m. **SB 431**, relative to violations of the prohibition on teaching discrimination.
- 11:30 a.m. **SB 434**, relative to regulation of public school materials.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 231, GP

- 10:00 a.m. Full committee work session on **SB 494-FN**, relative to the state fire code, fire incident reporting and investigations, and the duties of the state fire marshal; **SB 510-FN**, ensuring state-operated, publicly accessible spaces have designated smoking areas undetectable to visitors; **SB 656-FN**, establishing a web-based occupational license application portal for veterans and military spouses; **SB 298-FN**, relative to sober living house certification and operational standards; **SB 488**, enabling the governor to declare a state of emergency due to the failure of the legislature to pass a budget or continuing resolution to fund the New Hampshire state government by July 1 of the first year of a biennium.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

FISH AND GAME AND MARINE RESOURCES, Room 153, GP

- 10:00 a.m. **SB 505-FN**, relative to applications for guide licenses and repealing the fee for temporary registration of nonresidents relative to OHRVs.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS, Room 158, GP

- 9:00 a.m. **SB 545-FN**, relative to financial eligibility for the Medicare savings program.
- 9:30 a.m. **SB 468**, relative to enabling alternative treatment centers to operate a greenhouse cultivation location.
- 10:00 a.m. **SB 520**, relative to breast surgeries for minors.
- 10:30 a.m. **SB 453**, authorizing advanced practice registered nurses and physician associates to make certain certifications.
- 11:00 a.m. **SB 501**, relative to authorization of seclusion or restraint during a personal safety emergency by a physician, physician associate, or advanced practice registered nurse.
- 11:30 a.m. **SB 441-FN**, relative to the financial responsibility for local assistance and enabling municipalities to request a hearing regarding the residency of an assisted person.
- 1:30 p.m. **SB 615-FN**, establishing a commission to study the use and regulation of SNAP in New Hampshire.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

JUDICIARY, Room 230, GP

- 10:00 a.m. **SB 459**, exempting classification of individuals based on biological sex from the definition of an unlawful discriminatory practice in certain limited circumstances.
- 10:30 a.m. **SB 464-FN**, relative to civil rights enforcement.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT, Room 228, GP

- 10:00 a.m. **SB 595**, relative to rulemaking for transient non-community water systems.
- 10:30 a.m. Executive session on **SB 450-FN**, relative to a state parks pass pilot program for recovery centers and community mental health centers.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

FRIDAY, APRIL 10**JOINT LEGISLATIVE PERFORMANCE AUDIT AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 17-N:1), Room 234, GP**

- 9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

LEGISLATIVE YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 19-K:1), New Hampshire State House, Webster Room 308, 107 N. Main St, Concord

- 2:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, Room 228, GP

- 10:45 a.m. **SB 448-FN**, modifying the definition of veteran.
- 11:00 a.m. **SB 473**, defining the term “field officers” within the national guard.
- 11:15 a.m. **SB 472**, removing the maximum age on the tenure of office for the position of deputy adjutant general.
- 11:30 a.m. **SB 492-FN**, authorizing the department of military affairs and veterans services to license and lease property in which the department holds a property interest.
- 1:00 p.m. Executive session on **SB 448-FN**, modifying the definition of veteran; **SB 473**, defining the term “field officers” within the national guard; **SB 472**, removing the maximum age on the tenure of office for the position of deputy adjutant general; **SB 492-FN**, authorizing the department of military affairs and veterans services to license and lease property in which the department holds a property interest.

THE GOVERNOR’S COMMISSION ON ADDICTION, TREATMENT AND PREVENTION (RSA 12-J:1), Location Change: New Hampshire Department of Justice, 1 Granite Place, Concord, Press Room

- 9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, APRIL 13**ADVISORY COUNCIL ON CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (RSA 188-E:10-b), 400 N. Commercial Street, Manchester**

- 9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

NEW HAMPSHIRE COMMISSION FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING (RSA 125-Q), Walker Building, Public Utilities Commission, Hearing Room A, 21 South Fruit Street, Concord

- 1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

NEW HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL ON SUICIDE PREVENTION (RSA 126-R:2), Remote

- 10:00 a.m. Regular meeting. Join Zoom: <https://naminh-org.zoom.us/j/81260403703>

TUESDAY, APRIL 14**LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, Room 159, GP**

- 10:00 a.m. **SB 655**, relative to employee leasing companies, workers’ compensation coverage options, and a minimum wage exemption for minor league baseball players.
- 10:15 a.m. **SB 88-FN**, prohibiting state government entities from including specified terms related to labor organization agreements in construction related contracts and grants.
- 10:30 a.m. **SB 416**, relative to the pooling and sharing of tips among tipped employees.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15**ASSESSING STANDARDS BOARD (RSA 21-J:14-a), Training Room, Department of Revenue Administration, 109 Pleasant Street, Concord**

9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

WAYS AND MEANS, Reps Hall, SH

3:00 p.m. Public hearing on proposed amendment #2026-1134h to CACR 12, relating to voting on broad-based taxes. Providing that a supermajority vote of the general court shall be required to enact any broad-based taxes. This constitutional amendment concurrent resolution prohibits the house of representatives from adopting any tax on personal income. Copies of the amendment are available on the General Court website.

Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 281-A:62), NH Department of Labor, 95 Pleasant St., Concord

11:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

FRIDAY, APRIL 17**ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (RSA 541-A:2), Room 100, SH**

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

CARBON SEQUESTRATION PROGRAMS STUDY COMMISSION (RSA 79:32), Room 154, GP

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (RSA 14:30-a), Room 230, GP

11:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 126-A:13), Room 158, GP

9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE (RSA 14-B:2), Room 122-123, SH

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

MOUNT WASHINGTON COMMISSION (RSA 227-B:3), Cog Railway Service Shop, 3168 Base Station Road, Mount Washington

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, APRIL 20**STATE COMMISSION ON AGING (RSA 19-P:1), NH Hospital Association, 125 Airport Rd., Concord,**

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, APRIL 21**HOUSING, Room 231, GP**

10:00 a.m. **SB 523-FN**, establishing a commission to study the implementation of a residential builder registration system.

Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

FRIDAY, APRIL 24**NEW HAMPSHIRE DRINKING WATER AND GROUNDWATER ADVISORY COMMISSION (RSA 485-F:4), NHDES, 29 Hazen Drive, Concord**

12:00 p.m. Subcommittee meeting.

MONDAY, APRIL 27**PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE (RSA 187-A:28-a), Room 100, SH**

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

FRIDAY, MAY 1

TEMPORARY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO STUDY, MONITOR, AND SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION OF CORRECTIVE MEASURES IDENTIFIED IN THE 2025 LEGISLATIVE BUDGET ASSISTANT AUDIT (HB 2, Chapter 141:369, Laws of 2025), Room 234, GP

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, MAY 5

STATE VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RSA 115-A:2), Edward Cross Training Complex, 722 Riverwood Drive, Pembroke

5:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

FRIDAY, MAY 8

COMMISSION TO STUDY THE USE OF OHRVS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (RSA 215-A:44-a), DNRC, 172 Pembroke Road, Concord

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting. Join Microsoft Teams:
Meeting ID: 218 299 554 481 60 Passcode: em2nw222
By phone: +1 603-931-4944,840445040#

FRIDAY, MAY 15

LONG-TERM SEACOAST COMMISSION ON DRINKING WATER (RSA 485-F:6), New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES), Portsmouth Regional Office in Room A, Pease International Tradeport, 222 International Drive, Suite 175, Portsmouth

2:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

REVISED FISCAL NOTES

The following bills have a revised fiscal note: HB 112, HB 215, HB 219, HB 224, HB 241, HB 518, HB 547, HB 563, HB 570, HB 572, HB 595, HB 607, HB 609, HB 611, HB 619, HB 621, HB 624, HB 629, HB 630, HB 635, HB 648, HB 649, HB 651, HB 652, HB 665, HB 671, HB 675, HB 686, HB 716, HB 721, HB 725, HB 727, HB 729, HB 734, HB 751, HB 767, HB 772, HB 773, HB 1029, HB 1130, HB 1170, HB 1176, HB 1197, HB 1301, HB 1420, HB 1426, HB 1433, HB 1457, HB 1466, HB 1469, HB 1471, HB 1477, HB 1483, HB 1492, HB 1499, HB 1542, HB 1555, HB 1566, HB 1576, HB 1594, HB 1600, HB 1602, HB 1603, HB 1622, HB 1655, HB 1705, HB 1708, HB 1718, HB 1727, HB 1739, HB 1740, HB 1747, HB 1748, HB 1751, HB 1752, HB 1753, HB 1754, HB 1760, HB 1761, HB 1764, HB 1765, HB 1767, HB 1768, HB 1769, HB 1770, HB 1771, HB 1772, HB 1773, HB 1775, HB 1776, HB 1777, HB 1778, HB 1781, HB 1782, HB 1783, HB 1784, HB 1786, HB 1787, HB 1788, HB 1789, HB 1790, HB 1793, HB 1794, HB 1796, HB 1797, HB 1798, HB 1799, HB 1802, HB 1803, HB 1808, HB 1807, HB 1810, HB 1812, HB 1815, HB 1818, HB 1819, HB 1820, HB 1822, HB 1823, HB 1824, HB 1825, HB 1826, HB 1827, HB 1830, HB 1831, HB 1832, HB 1833, HB 1834, HB 1837. SB 36, SB 49, SB 71, SB 101, SB 103, SB 112, SB 134, SB 223, SB 247, SB 256, SB 408, SB 425, SB 450, SB 454, SB 457, SB 470, SB 480, SB 482, SB 502, SB 505, SB 510, SB 511, SB 515, SB 519, SB 540, SB 543, SB 559, SB 567, SB 580, SB 589, SB 592, SB 606, SB 608, SB 619, SB 620, SB 625, SB 627, SB 632, SB 640, SB 642, SB 643, SB 652, SB 656, SB 657, SB 663, SB 669.

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All Representatives are invited to a Bible Study and prayer during the Lunch Break on Session Day. We will meet in the Upham Walker House with Pastor Peter Chamberland for this time together. Come and be refreshed both physically and spiritually during our lunch hour. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Rep. Vanessa Sheehan

The New Hampshire Women's Foundation cordially invites all legislators to join them for lunch on **Tuesday April 7 at 12:00 p.m.** at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 21 Centre Street, Concord. The Women's Foundation invests in equality and opportunity for women and girls and provides grants to nonprofit organizations in all regions of New Hampshire. This lunch is an opportunity to meet some of the Foundation's grantees and learn more about the work they do serving women and girls in your community. RSVP is not required, but your response to Devan Quinn at Devan@nhwomensfoundation.org is appreciated.

Rep. Alexis Simpson

The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network – NH will be hosting a Legislative Luncheon on Thursday, **April 9, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.** in the State House cafeteria. American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network volunteers and staff will be on hand to discuss pending legislative priorities as well as what services the American Cancer Society provides to NH residents.

Rep. Wayne MacDonald

AMENDMENTS

(LISTED IN NUMERICAL ORDER)

Amendment to SB 451 (2026-1230h)

Proposed by the Committee on Executive Departments and Administration–c

Amend RSA 5:2-a as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

5:2-a [Senior] **Special** Deputy Secretary of State. The secretary of state may appoint a [senior] **special** deputy secretary of state who shall serve for not more than 90 days in any one fiscal year. The [senior] **special** deputy secretary of state appointed under this section shall exercise the duties and functions delegated to him **or her**, and all duties and functions exercised by him **or her** while so acting shall have the same validity and effect as though performed by the secretary of state.

Amendment to SB 497 (2026-1031h)

Proposed by the Committee on Public Works and Highways–c

Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

AN ACT removing a reference to procurement through the department of administrative services for certain capital appropriations to the community college system of New Hampshire, changing the name of a capital project, and changing a reference regarding spaces assigned for use for members of the legislature.

Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

1 Capital Improvements; Community College System of New Hampshire. Amend 2025, 159:4, I and II to read as follows:

I. The appropriations made for the community college system in paragraph II of section 1 and the sums available for this project, **and paragraph II of section 13, and the sums available for this project**, shall be expended by the trustees of the community college system of New Hampshire.

II. The appropriations made to the community college system in paragraph II of section 1 **and paragraph II of section 13** are available for all costs incidental to the completion of the project enumerated including but not limited to the costs of the services for architects, engineers, and other consultants of such kind and capacity as the community college system board of trustees may, in its discretion, wish to employ on such terms and conditions as the board determines. These monies shall be spent under the direction of the community college system board of trustees and pursuant to the policies adopted by the board of trustees.

2 Legislative Officers and Proceedings; Office Space and Parking Facilities. Amend RSA 14:14-b, IV to read as follows:

IV. All rooms and other spaces of the state house annex designated and assigned for use by the speaker of the house and the president of the senate, including but not limited to the west wing of the [second] **fourth** floor, **as well as shared access to the break room and lactation room adjacent to the west wing**; and

3 Project Amended; Community College System of New Hampshire. Amend 2023, 113:1, XVI, 3 to read as follows:

3. NCC [~~Respiratory Therapy Program~~] Allied Health Instructional Center Teaching Equipment and	
Teaching Space Renovations	1,500,000

4 Repeal. 2025, 159:13, IV, relative to a requirement that certain contracts and projects concerning capital appropriations for the community college system of New Hampshire be awarded in accordance with RSA 21-I, is repealed.

5 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

2026-1031h
AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Removes a reference to procurement through the department of administrative services for certain capital appropriations to the community college system of New Hampshire

II. Changes the name of a capital project.

III. Changes a reference regarding spaces assigned for use for members of the legislature.

**Amendment to SB 592
(2026-1277h)**

Proposed by the Committee on Resources, Recreation and Development-c

Amend the bill by replacing all after section 6 with the following:

7 Repeal. RSA 21-O:14-b, relative to the commission to study transferring the commission to study ownership and/or operation of the Winnepesaukee River Basin program (WRBP) to an alternative authority, is repealed.

8 Effective Date.

I. Sections 5 and 6 of this act shall take effect upon passage.

II. Section 7 shall take effect November 1, 2026.

III. This remainder of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

**Amendment to SB 608-FN
(2026-1263h)**

Proposed by the Committee on Children and Family Law-r

Amend the bill by replacing section 5 with the following:

5 Contingency. Department of Health and Human Services; Funding.

I. RSA 167:83, II(q), as amended by section 3 of this act, and RSA 167:83, II(v), as inserted by section 4 of this act, shall take effect upon certification by the commissioner of the department of health and human services to the director of the office of legislative services and secretary of state that the federal Office of Child Care has approved modification of the child care scholarship program as provided in sections 3 and 4 of this act.

II. The department shall not be required to implement the provisions of this act until such date that the program is sufficiently funded to meet the requirements of sections 1 through 4 of this act. Beginning July 1, 2026, the department shall submit bi-monthly written reports to the house children and family law committee and the senate children and family law committee on the status of available funding to implement the requirements of this act until such time that the program is fully implemented.

**Amendment to SB 620-FN
(2026-1229h)**

Proposed by the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety-c

Amend RSA 265-A:14, I(a)(1)-(2) as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(1) The director shall suspend his or her license to drive or nonresident driving privilege for a period of [~~180 days~~] **9 months**; or

(2) If the person is a resident without a license or permit to drive a motor vehicle in this state, the director shall deny to the person the privilege to drive and the issuance of a license for a period of [~~180 days~~] **9 months** after the date of the alleged violation.

Amend RSA 265-A:14, II as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

II. Except as provided in paragraph VI, the [~~180-day~~] **9-month** or [~~2-year~~] **3-year** suspension period or denial of issuance period imposed pursuant to this section shall not run concurrently with any other penalty imposed under the provision of this title. Any such suspension or denial of a license or privilege to drive shall be imposed in addition to any other penalty provided by law, subject to review as provided in RSA 265-A:31.